

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5 are amended. Claim 6 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. New claim 7 is added.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

In section 2 on page 2, the Office Action objects to claims 1 and 3 due to the specified informalities. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claims 1 and 3 be withdrawn.

SPECIFICATION

In an unnumbered section on pages 2-3, the Office Action lists preferred guidelines for the layout of the specification. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the suggestions contained in this section and will keep these suggestions in mind in the future.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

In section 3 on page 3, the Office Action rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 5 expressly recites that the program code means is encoded on a computer-readable medium. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5 recites statutory

subject matter. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter be withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

In sections 4-6 on pages 3-4, the Office Action rejects claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for the specified reasons of antecedent basis. Claim 4 is amended to comply with the requirements of antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

In section 7 on pages 4-5, the Office Action rejects claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,202,061 to Khosla et al. (hereinafter "Khosla"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claim 1 recites "presentation means conceived to present to the user, through the user interface, an overview of the generated-collection and at least one collection that matches the selection." Independent claim 3 contains a similar recitation. This subject matter relates to displaying an overview of a system-generated collection and a pre-existing collection, each of which contain a selection specified by the user. By way of example, the selection could include an event, place, year, month, person, object, etc. Thus, the system identifies items that match the user's selection and generates a collection containing these items. The system also

identifies pre-existing collections that match the selection. Finally, the system displays an overview of the generated-collection and the identified collections.

Applicant respectfully submits that Khosla does not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed subject matter quoted above. The system of Khosla allows the user to perform a search of picture properties. See col. 11, ln. 1-6. As illustrated in Figure 11, the system of Khosla displays a thumbnail of each image found in the search. See col. 11, ln. 47-51. At the user's request, the system of Khosla automatically generates a new album containing the pictures found in the search. See col. 11, ln. 60-64. In addition, the user may browse the contents of an album using the interface displayed in Figure 12B.

The system of Khosla does not, however, display an overview of the generated photo album and photo albums that match the search term. In other words, the user has the option of searching and viewing photos that match a search term or viewing the photos in a given album, but does not allow a user to view an overview of both at the same time in response to a search. Moreover, the system of Khosla only allows a user to search text associated with individual photos, not criteria associated with entire photo albums.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Khosla does not disclose, teach, or suggest "presentation means conceived to present to the user, through the user interface, an overview of the generated-collection and at least one collection that matches the selection," as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claim 3 (emphasis added).

Claim 2 depends from allowable claim 1 and claims 4 and 5 depend from allowable claim 3. These claims are therefore allowable over Khosla at least by virtue of their dependencies. For

at least the forgoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

New claim 7 depends from claim 4. Therefore, new claim 7 is also allowable for at least the reasons stated above in connection with the rejection of claim 4.

CONCLUSION

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the correspondence attorney listed below in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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